

Happy New Year's to everyone in Navy Medicine and the Hospital Corps!

Hope everyone had a great New Year's, made it home safely and back to work! It's that time for some New Year's resolutions, reflect on those changes you desire to see within yourself and the world! Persistence is 'key' to make change.

1. BUMED Shore Sailor of the Year: Congratulations to the following Sailors who have been recognized as their region's SOY! We look forward to meeting you during the week of 23-27 January as we host the BUMED Shore SOY board. Here are the nominees by region:

-NAVMED West: HM1(SW/AW) Tiffany A. Kidd, from U.S. NH Yokosuka, Japan

-NAVMED East: HM1(FMF) Elizabeth M. Richeal, from NHC, Patuxent River, Maryland

-NMETLC: HM1(FMF) Cameron C. Graham, from NMSTC, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

-BUMED: HM1(FMF) Christopher M. Marsh, BUMED

2. Currently soliciting for ETL applications in the following NECs: 8701.

The following NECs need to start looking and nominating new ETLs for these NECs: 8410, 8425, 8493/94, 8496, 8503, 8489.

3. We still currently have OCONUS commands which require some HM's to be EMT-B certified. Under current BUMED instruction, detaching commands are to ensure members PCS'ing; complete EMT-B prior to detaching. Currently the Office is working solutions, for OCONUS based MTFs, using existing Standard Operating Procedures and programs already in place.

4. Navy-wide CPO Advancement Exam: Best of luck to all of the First Class Petty Officers taking the advancement exam on 19 January!

5. Preventive Medicine Technician of the Year: PMTOY package submission deadline is quickly approaching (31 January); only a few packages have been received. Questions regarding this great opportunity to recognize our PMTs can be directed to HMCS Randall Oakes, COMM: 904-542-4625, BB: 904-229-9987, [randall.n.oakes.mil@mail.mil](mailto:randall.n.oakes.mil@mail.mil)

6. In remembrance:

HM2 Xin Qi, 4<sup>th</sup> LAR (23JAN10)

HM3 John House, NMC HI, MCUD (26JAN05)

You will never be forgotten!

7. These dedicated Navy leaders will go ashore in the next two weeks - All of us hope the next chapter of your lives is even more rewarding. Fair winds and following seas to:

SFC David Meditz (WRNMMC) 13 January 2017

HMC(FMF/CAC) Mark Gomez (NRD New Orleans) 20 January 2017

8. Little history: How many ships are name after Hospital Corpsman and what are their names?

USS Benfold, USS Liddle, USS Caron, USS Litchfield, USS Dewert, USS Parker, USS Frament, USS Ray, USS Hammond, USS Valdez, USS Halyburton, USS Walter Wann, USS Jobb, USS Jack Williams, USS Joy, USS Lester, USS Woods, USS Durant, USS Henry Tusker, USS Willis.

There are many changes to the Navy and the Hospital Corps every day. It's truly remarkable to watch you work together in unison to achieve these goals; but more importantly the success of your patients, yourself and for the Country – Hoo-Yah!